

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

REGION I



Director's Message

From Kathy Callahan-Smith

The AHA BOD met via Zoom on March 5th, 2021. The new AHA President, Deborah Johnson, did a great job presiding over the meeting. The first topic of discussion was the Ransomware attack on the Windows servers at AHA that occurred on Saturday, February 20, 2021, and the Website and Data Source were immediately taken offline. The AHA IT acted quickly and the system was returned to service on Monday, March 1, 2021.

We are still under the cloud of Covid, but the future looks brighter than 2020. All AHA Regional Championships are expected to be held. Mid-Summer Nationals will be held with Youth Nationals again this year, July 15-24, 2021. Canadian Nationals will not be held, although they hope to hold a smaller version for the Canadians to attend.

2021 Qualifications have been waived again for Regional and National Championship Shows. Qualifications for 2022 and 2023 will move to a "Participation" based system and the chart will be finalized at the August 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

The new USEF President, Tom O'Mara, joined us on the meeting. His outlook was positive and he is looking forward to addressing the needs of the Arabian Horse. A new USEF Amateur Committee has been initiated. This committee hopes to simplify our current USEF amateur rules.

Information was presented and discussions held, concerning the appointment of an Executive Director for AHA. It was a unanimous decision of the Board of Directors to appoint Stan Morey as the Executive Director with a three-year contract. Mr. Morey will continue to serve as the Judges and Stewards Commissioner until that position is filled later this year.

The AHA Local Level Committee is asking for members to help execute the projects they have in the works for 2021. The ideal committee member is passionate about the Arabian horse, enjoys sharing Arabian horses with new people, will attend monthly calls and is willing to take a leadership role on Local Level projects. The Local Level Committee's Mission: "To bring people to the Arabian horse through local outreach."

Don't forget to make use of the AHA app. It is free and easy to use!

Our volunteer base is our most valuable asset. I encourage all of you, our Region One membership base, to get involved. Contact your local Club and volunteer!

Signing off,

Kathy Callahan-Smith, Region I Director

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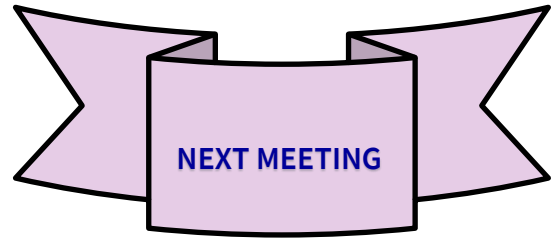
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TREASURER:

Ann Whitley

PAST DIRECTOR:

Mimi Gaffey



**Our Next Meeting
will be Saturday, August 28, 2021**

**Region I meeting 6:00
on Zoom**

- AMATEUR — JoAnn Harlan
- ANNUAL CONVENTION PLANNING — Mary Ann Hughes
- BUDGET AND FINANCE — Ann Whitley
- COMMUNICATIONS — Carol Spangler
- DISTANCE RIDING — Bob Insko
- DRESSAGE — Carol Spangler
- EQUINE STRESS — Debbie Price
- EQUITATION — Debbie Price
- EVENTING & DRIVING — Ted Lange
- HUNTER/JUMPER — Ted Lange
- JUDGES SELECTION — Kathy Callahan-Smith
- MEMBERSHIP — Mary Ann Hughes
- NEWSLETTER — Joan Lawson
- PACIFIC SLOPES — Phil Bourgeois
- PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN — Debbie Price
- RACING — Leslie Smith
- SCHOLARSHIP — Laurie Henkel
- SPORT HORSE — Carol Spangler
- USEF — Nancy Harvey
- WORKING WESTERN — Bill Hughes
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES — Debbie Price
- YOUTH DIRECTOR — Isabella Fajardo



**Region I Arabian Horse Association
Meeting Minutes 11-19-2020**

Call to order: At 6:00 PM

Roll Call: was confirmed by those in attendance on the Zoom conference call

Executive Board: Director; Kathy Callahan Smith, Vice Director; Debbie Price; Treasurer; Ann Whitley, Secretary; Carol Spangler, Past Director; Mimi Gaffey.

Present:

8 Delegate(s) - This does not include the Executive Board: Laurie Henkle, Christine Lawson, Joan Lawson, Leslie Smith, Diana Bein, Joann Harlan, Ted Lange, and Sheri Odom

0 Alternate(s) -

2 Guest(s) – MaryAnn Hughes, Bill Hughes

Minutes: No Corrections: Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov 14, 2020 meeting. Sheri – 2nd, Minutes were approved by attendees

Director's Comments: Kathy gave us updates and discussed the following topics

a. USEF membership renewal - when renewing your membership be sure to update where your main interest lies. By selecting Arabian first, that causes money to go back to AHA from USEF

b. AHA show 2021 qualifications – no qualifications will be required for Regionals and Nationals for 2021. A new qualification structure will be put in place for 2022 and 2023 based on participation at shows. The details are still in process and will be finalized during 2021.

c. Donations for Region One?

1. AHDF/AHF– A motion was made by Sheri to donate \$500 each to AHDF and AHF, seconded by Ted

Discussion: Kathy pointed out that AHF gave out \$38,000 in scholarships, \$10k toward research. Motion passed

2. \$25 gift cards - Kathy donated 2 - \$25 gift cards for convention gift cards

Virtual Convention: Kathy

a. 294 delegates have registered, and 89 guests.

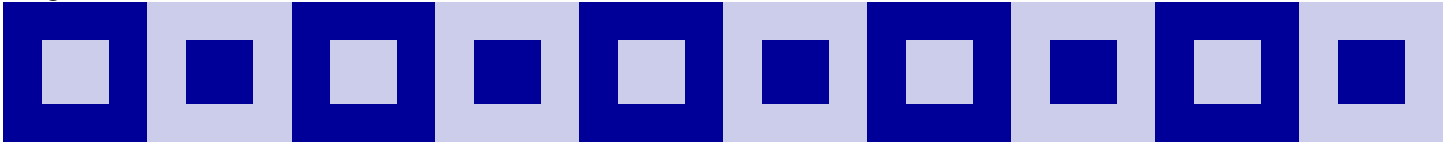
b. Town Hall video for voting/Convention is on AHA website. Grit will be used for Friday Awards and Saturday general session. VVoter will be used for delegate voting on nominees and resolutions.

Resolutions: Kathy reported that in all the committee meetings she had attended, all the resolutions had been approved by the committees. Each resolution was reviewed in case there was any additional discussion needed.

Nominations: Discussion was opened up on the candidates running for the executive committee. Next meeting – 2021 – date to be determined.

Hearing no objections, meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM

**Submitted Respectfully by
Carol Spangler
Region 1 Secretary**



REGION 1 YOUTH

By Bella Fajardo

With the release of the Covid vaccine, the AHYA board hopes to regain some sort of normalcy this show season. During the March Board meeting, the AHYA board did some brainstorming and came up with a lot of unofficial plans for Youth Nationals and the AHYA social media accounts. As of right now, the only official thing planned for Youth and Midsummer Nationals is the \$250 T-Shirt Sponsorship and the \$500-\$1000 Event Sponsorship. You can email me, Bella Fajardo, (isabellafajardo04@gmail.com) or Debbie Price (pricelessarabs@aol.com) if you are interested in being a sponsor.

In other news, "The Region 1 Championship show May 19-23 in Del Mar, is looking for volunteers to work the in-gate and the out gate during the show. This is a great opportunity to get some volunteer hours!!! Region 1 and the AHASC Scholarships are due soon and volunteering at a shores show sure looks good on any application. You can pick a session, do it with a friend, and get to watch the classes." If you know any youth members that would be interested, you can contact Mimi Gaffey or Debbie Price.

Scholarship Alert!!!

The Region 1 Educational Scholarship Application is due June 30, 2021. You can visit <http://www.aharegionone.com/> to find the Scholarship Application, checklist, and other information.



UPCOMING SHOWS 2021

SDAHA ~ One Day Show, May 2, 2021, at Deer Springs Equestrian, San Marcos, CA. Contact: JoAnn Harlan, calipsomon@gmail.com, 619-972-1997

REGION I ~ Regional Show, May 19-23, 2021, at Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA. Contact: Nancy Harvey, Nharvey440@aol.com



JUST FOR FUN

